

Dollar-bird (*Eurystomus orientalis*) at Karratha.—On January 10, 1979 I was advised by Mr D. H. Fleming of Karratha that a bird, believed to be a Dollar-bird, was perching on power lines adjacent to his residence in Richardson Way, Karratha. He had seen two similar birds at the same location two days previously.

I inspected the area in question at 1800 hrs and observed a bird "rolling in" to perch on power lines about 12 m away from my observation point. Careful observation confirmed it as a Dollar-bird. Checks of the area after the 19th did not result in further sightings.

Serventy and Whittell (*Birds of Western Australia*, 5th Edition, 1976) record two previous sightings from the Pilbara—one on June 14, 1953 at Winning Pool by J. H. Calaby and one in December 1972 at Shay Gap by John Darnell.

—R. E. S. SOKOLOWSKI, Reserves Officer, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Karratha.

Little Corellas feeding on Immature Seed of *Acacia trachycarpa*.—On August 8, 1978 at 0715 H a flock of 40 Little Corellas (*Cacatua sanguinea*) were observed in a small clump of wattle, *Acacia trachycarpa* E. Pritzl (Mimosaceae), located outside the passenger terminal of the Port Hedland Airport. On closer inspection it was found that the birds were feeding on immature seeds within the pods. These seeds were soft and lacked the hardened testa of the mature seed (Fig. 1). The birds did not remove the pods from the wattle but merely excised the seeds (Fig. 2). Not all the seeds from each pod were eaten. *Acacia trachycarpa* is widely distributed in the Pilbara region of the State (Hopper & Maslin, *Aust. J. Bot.*, 1978, 26: 63-78). It flowers in May-June while pods containing mature seeds are present in late October; both appear to vary with seasonal conditions. A voucher specimen of *Acacia trachycarpa* is lodged in the Western Australian Herbarium (PERTH).

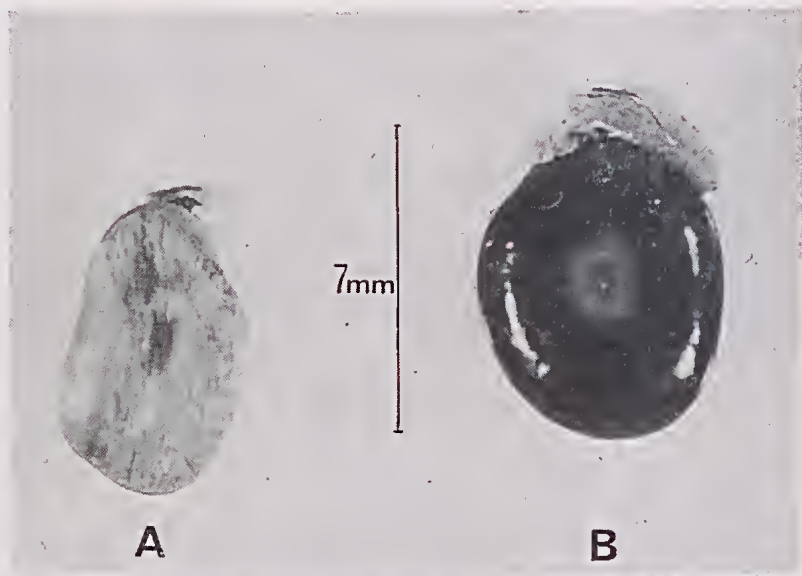


Fig. 1.—Seed of *Acacia trachycarpa*. A: immature seed on which Little Corellas were feeding at Port Hedland airport (from Kenneally 6833). B: mature seed showing hard, black, shiny testa (from Demarz D57-7).